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Telethon, in association with the Birthright Movement, will again stage a giant controlled fireworks display on 9th June. A similar function at Norwood Oval last year attracted a crowd in excess of 12,000 and the organisers deeply regretted that many hundreds of people had to be turned away to avoid possible danger resulting from over crowding of the grounds.

Announcing this year's spectacular, Telethon Chairman, Mr. Frank Davison said today that the event would be held at Wayville Showgrounds which could accommodate all those who wished to attend, and to reduce queues at the turnstiles tickets were now available from John Martins, Telethon Office or Channel 9.

During the evening there will be 3 individual fireworks displays all professionally staged by Howard & Sons of Sydney, one of the biggest pyrotechnic firms in Australia. Such controlled circumstances minimised any risk of injury to spectators.

The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, today commended the Telethon and Birthright organisations on their continued concern for public safety and for combining it with their valuable work for charity. Mr. Dunstan said he hoped that many families would take this opportunity to enjoy the excitement and spectacle provided on official fireworks night without the risks of personal injury and property damage which has so frequently marred fireworks nights in the past.

The variety programme to be staged between the fireworks displays will include performances by the Marching Girls, Skid Kids, Central Command Band and Channel 9 personalities Hot Dog and Humphrey B. Bear. Ron Sullivan will compere the evening.

The Adelaide City Council have agreed to open the parklands to facilitate easy parking, the M.T.T. will augment their bus service between Wayville Showgrounds and the City and the gates of the Showgrounds will be opened at 5.30 p.m.

Full catering arrangements have been made to provide sit down meals and light snacks.

The entertainment will commence at 7 p.m. and conclude at 9.30 p.m.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and half price for children and pensioners.